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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Nyeon [redacted] Visits Project Headquarters

1. On 26 May [redacted] of Nyeon visited Project Headquarters and met with Mr. John Karamonky after determining that the DD/P was unavailable.

2. [redacted] stated that Nyeon was approached by an unnamed representative of McDonnell Aircraft Corporation, allegedly because of interest indicated by someone, unidentified, in NASA and CIA, for the purpose of determining if Nyeon would prepare a camera proposal for use in the Mercury program. [redacted] asked if the identity of the NASA or CIA people interested in the foregoing is known. When told that a quick check revealed that Project Headquarters had no information about this matter, [redacted] indicated that he would check with [redacted] Mr. Richard Lomer, at NASA.

3. [redacted] stated that Nyeon can prepare an attractive camera proposal for a recoverable Mercury capsule utilizing a new 70, 84, or 96 mm lens system, 4-configuration components, and thin base film for a 3-day operation. This system would be capable of resolving five feet on the ground. Further, Nyeon could have a camera available for flight within ten months time. [redacted] pointed out that due to the stress on reliability in the recovery phase of the Mercury capsule, this approach should provide a high degree of probability for camera recovery. [redacted] felt that since the Mercury program plans a number of firings, for test purposes, without astronauts aboard, the inclusion of a camera should be attractive substitute package to the intelligence community. [redacted] felt strongly that some interim system should be of interest to the intelligence community until SAMOS becomes operational.

4. [redacted] stated that if the DD/P is interested in the foregoing, Nyeon, at its own expense, would prepare a proposal for presentation to the DD/P. Nyeon, however, would not wish to undergo the expense of working up a formal proposal unless the DD/P endorses the idea as having merit. [redacted] was told that the foregoing would be brought to the attention of the DD/P.

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5. Key Subject: [redacted] mentioned that Lycon may supply two A-2
converters to Lycon Aeronautical for use in two modified Q2C drones. If
Lycon Aeronautical receives a contract from the USAF as expected on 3 June,
Lycon will be required to deliver to Area Two (2) A-2 converters by 31 July.
According to Lycon, [redacted]
[redacted] are the cognizant USAF officers of this project. Colonel Henry
states that the above officers are assigned to USAF reconnaissance operations
at the Pentagon.

for [redacted]
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